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Serial No.: 09/721,096)	
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Filing Date: November 22, 2000)	
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For: Removal Of Embedding Media)	
From Biological Samples and Cell Conditioning)	
on Automated Staining Instruments)	

REPLY TO THE APRIL 16, 2003 OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the April 16, 2003 Official Action for the above-captioned U.S. patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Appendix A which includes a copy of a Terminal Disclaimer follows page 10 of this Reply.